

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (amended) A nucleic acid comprising the nucleotide sequence of the genome of a non-subtype B HIV-1 virus, wherein said nucleotide sequence is SEQ ID No. 8.

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Please amend claim 2 as follows:

~~2. (amended)~~ A nucleic acid comprising a sequence of at least 12 contiguous bases of the nucleic acid of claim 1.

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Please amend claim 3 as follows:

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3. (amended) A nucleic acid comprising the nucleotide sequence of an LTR of the nucleic acid of claim 1.

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Please amend claim 4 as follows:

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4. (amended) A nucleic acid encoding a polypeptide selected from the group consisting of Gag, Pol, Vif, Vpr, Env, Tat, Rev, Nef and Vpu, wherein the polypeptide is encoded by the genome of a non-subtype B HIV-1 virus 96ZM651.8, wherein the nucleotide sequence of said genome is SEQ ID No. 8.

Please amend claim 6 as follows:

C<sub>2</sub> 6. (amended) A nucleic acid comprising a sequence  
complementary to the sequence of a nucleic acid of any one of claims  
E 1-3

Please amend claim 10 as follows:

C<sub>3</sub> 10. (amended) A composition comprising a nucleic acid  
of any one of claims 1 to 4, and a physiologically acceptable carrier.

Please amend claim 33 as follows:

C<sub>4</sub> 33. (amended) A kit for detecting the presence of a  
non-subtype B HIV-1 virus in a sample comprising a nucleic acid of  
E any one of claims 1 to 4.